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Rollover kills teen, injures 3

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A teenager is dead and three more young people are fighting for their lives after a car rolled into a ditch on Highway 416 and exploded early yesterday morning.

At around 1:43 a.m., Ottawa paramedics, city and provincial police and firefighters were called to Highway 416 between Bankfield and Hunt Club roads, where a four-door vehicle had crossed the centre line several times before rolling over and landing upside down in the ditch.

"Upon paramedic arrival, the gas tank exploded," said Ottawa paramedic team leader Michael O'Brien. "It was extinguished fairly quickly by the fire department."

O'Brien said a 19-year-old male was discovered ejected from the vehicle, suffering from critical head injuries and multi-system trauma. That resulted in cardiac arrest.

"Despite resuscitation efforts by advanced care paramedics, he was pronounced dead at the scene," he said.

Three other passengers, including an 18-year-old female and two males, ages 16 and 20, all suffered life-threatening injuries and were taken to local trauma centres.

The highway between Roger Stevens Drive and Bankfield was closed for hours while Ontario Provincial Police investigated. It reopened at 8:30 a.m., said OPP Sergeant Bruce Quigg.

As of yesterday afternoon, police were still trying to determine the cause of the crash.

While speed is being probed as a contributing factor and police are looking into seatbelt use, Quigg said that "alcohol and drugs do not appear to be a factor."

Police initially reported that two people had been killed, but that report was incorrect, said Quigg. He said police are still notifying next of kin, but the names of the victims could be released today.

One emergency worker suffered from smoke inhalation at the scene.

Any witnesses to the rollover are asked to call OPP Constable Eric Booth at 613-270-9171.

Feds need to aid Ont.: Duncan

MEET It's time for the federal government to recognize Ontario's problems and start treating the province like the rest of Canada: That's the message Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan will deliver to federal counterpart Jim Flaherty today.

"The federal government has got to take off its ideological blinders," Duncan said, referring to the Conservatives, hands-off attitude toward Ontario's economy.

Saying that the auto manufacturing sector is in deep trouble, Duncan said, "We need the federal government to step up (like) the way governments in Europe and the United States have with respect to the automotive sector."

Flaherty is meeting with Duncan and his provincial counterparts in Toronto today amid fears the Tories are cutting back on provincial financial help just when Ontario needs it most.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Skate Canada **Sterling pair**

BLAIR GABLE/REUTERS

Vanessa Crone and Paul Poirier perform yesterday during the exhibition gala at the Skate Canada International figure skating competition in Ottawa. The pair earlier won a silver medal in the dance competition to wrap a solid performance by the Canadian team, which included a men's title by Patrick Chan of Ottawa and a women's title by Joannie Rochette of Ile-Dupas, Que.

Man charged in murder similar to script

EDMONTON Friends of an Edmonton filmmaker are shocked at police allegations that he brought a gory screenplay to life by killing a stranger he lured off the Internet under the guise of a beautiful woman.

Police have yet to find 38-year-old Johnny Altinger's body, but have arrested and charged filmmaker, Mark Twitchell, 29, with first-degree murder. It's alleged he killed Altinger in a real-life adaptation of his recently penned psychological thriller.

Altinger was reported missing Oct. 10, the same evening he went to meet a woman he'd met on an Internet dating site. Police believe that Twitchell posed as the woman and lured Altinger to a rented garage, where he was filming a movie.

The script was seized by police. The plot: A sociopathic killer lures victims to a garage, ties them to a chair, and chops them to pieces.

"I'm still assuming this is a big mix up. He's a lot of things, but he's not a killer," said former colleague Galen Pendleton, adding he knew of the movie Twitchell had written.

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Man stripped and robbed by gang of men

City police continued yesterday to investigate an incident in which eight men allegedly robbed a man at gunpoint, forced him to strip to his underwear and injured him – all for a small sum of cash early Saturday morning. Police believe the attack is random – one of several unprovoked swarmings in Ottawa over the past several months. **OTTAWA POLICE**

Ottawa

Theft in "bra"-d daylight

A thief who has been breaking and entering into several east end homes recently has been stealing only women's underwear. City police on the weekend issued a warning for residents of the Fallingbrook area of Ottawa "to be vigilant" due to the "peculiar nature" of the incidents. The residents were not home at the time of the break-ins. OTTAWA POLICE

Where in the world is Wendell?

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Animal lovers from the region – and even those from as far away as New York – joined weekend efforts to bring home a missing wallaby that has captured the public's attention.

Wendell, a three-year-old Bennett wallaby, has been missing since high winds knocked over his enclosure at the Saunders Country Critters and Garden Centre last Tuesday, sparking a search that has attracted helpers from around eastern Ontario and New York state and has resulted in sightings of the AWOL animal as far away as Athens.

From Oxford Mills which is located just south of Ottawa, to Athens, 70 km away, the most recent Wendell sightings were called in Saturday, suggesting that the 2.5-foot-tall wallaby is in the Lombardy-Portland area, west of Ottawa.

Animals on the loose

- Several animals, including a kangaroo and four wallabies, escaped when winds knocked down fencing last week, but Wendell is the only one still at large.

Although he's overwhelmed at the number of people who have come forward to assist, zoo owner Gary Saunders is anxious to get Wendell home before the cold kicks in.

"I don't even know where I am," said Saunders in a phone interview yesterday. "We're just out looking."

Deer hunting season starts tomorrow, and Saunders hopes that hunters will serve as extra sets of eyes in the search for Wendell. He's not worried that Wendell will be shot, but he is concerned about hungry coyotes.

Saunders is frustrated that sightings are reported hours later. "We need people to call right away, so we can get volunteers out there."

Yesterday, Saunders announced a $1,000 reward for Wendell's return.

Anyone who spots Wendell and gets close enough to touch him should grab him by the base of the tail. All sightings should be reported by calling 613-258-1108 immediately.

Wendell the wallaby, pictured at the Saunders Country Critters and Garden Centre, has been missing since Tuesday.

Festival takes bow at Place D'Orleans

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It's an enviable problem for any arts program to have.

After 15 years of running its FestivARTS program at Place D'Orleans, Arts Ottawa East will be moving into the new, 86,000-sq.-ft, $37-million Shenkman Arts Centre.

The new centre features a 500-seat performing arts hall, a 100-seat studio, an art gallery theatre, pottery and dance studios, but it won't have the same traffic as the current location at the mall that helps make the event a success each year.

"This is an odd place because it's a commercial establishment where people come to shop. So you get a lot of people just passing by. Which is good because they are seeing art for the first time and they are just happening on it," said Eric McKay, president of Arts Ottawa East.

"(But) the Shenkman Arts Centre is an arts centre. People go there because they already have an interest in art. There's pros and cons to both, but we're going to have a beautiful arts centre, so why not use it?"

"We're going to have a beautiful arts centre, so why not use it?"
Eric McKay

With the help of grant money, this year's FestivARTS was expanded to two days, and performers and workshops were added. Over the weekend, 35 exhibitors, 17 acts and seven workshops in disciplines ranging from dance groups to painters and pottery were held at the mall.

FestivARTS co-ordinator Don Roy said that next year, the plan is to have the artists spread out over two floors, to concentrate activities to the new centre.

"I won't say it's the last year in Place D'Orleans. You never want to close the door on anything," said Roy. "We definitely want to use the Shenkman Centre as the focal point of arts for the whole community."

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Melissa Flerangile, a.k.a Melly Mel, a dancer with Bboyizm, performs during FestivARTS at Place D'Orleans yesterday afternoon.

Parties spread election fever

POLITICS If Barack Obama wins the federal election in the United States it could be one of the defining moments for a generation, say supporters in Ottawa.

"It will be a historical moment. I think it can change the way the United States is perceived around the world," said Ariane Théroux-Samuel, who is hosting an election party on Tuesday night.

"We will want to remember where we were when Obama was elected."

Théroux-Samuel works as a political analyst for the government of Canada and has a master's in political science. But this is the first time she's made a party out of an election night, on either side of the border.

All the people at Théroux-Samuel's party will be supporting Obama. She said she doesn't personally know anybody supporting the Republicans. Even at supposedly bi-partisan election parties, John McCain supporters are likely to be outnumbered.

"I think it will be heavily skewed toward Obama supporters, but I suspect there will be some McCain supporters in the room, sure," said Susan Smith, with Bluesky Strategy Group, who is hosting a big election night party at D'arcy McGee's Pub on Sparks Street. All are welcome at the party, which will feature bobbleheads and decorations honouring both candidates.

Another party is planned for Avant-Garde Bar on Besserer Street, with proceeds benefiting Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

"I can tell you that the excitement over Obama is fever pitch in Ottawa's black community in particular," said organizer Rachel Decoste. "I've never seen anything like it.

"Maybe this is what Trudeaumania was like? I don't know."

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Susan Smith displays some of the Barack Obama swag that'll be available at the Red, White and Bluesky U.S. Election night party, planned tomorrow at D'Arcy McGee's.

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Saturday, Oct. 25
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Ontario 49: 3, 7, 30, 42, 46 & 47. Bonus 21.
Sunday, Oct. 26
Pick 3: 2 4 6; **Pick 4:** 1 3 1 9; **Encore:** 8079120;
Daily Keno: 1, 7, 10, 11, 16, 18, 23, 26, 37, 39, 41, 45, 46, 48, 49, 53, 54, 60, 65, 68.
These results are not official.

News in brief

HEALTH A bedridden quadriplegic man who ran out of prescription medication yesterday claims that the city ambulance dispatch said getting him to the hospital was not a priority because it wasn't an emergency. Stephane Tourigny, of Ottawa, can only be transported by ambulance. Because he doesn't have a family doctor, he says a hospital visit is the only way to get medication. "I've exhausted every avenue that I can in order to get a doctor to do a home visit and there's nothing that can be found in the city," Tourigny said. After waiting for hours, Tourigny was finally picked up in the afternoon. He said he sometimes spends up to 12 hours waiting at the hospital. CTVOTTAWA.CA

Baby elephant dies in Calgary Zoo
Animal rights activists are calling on the Calgary Zoo to stop breeding elephants after Malti, a 15-month baby pachyderm, died Saturday. Zoocheck Canada's Trudy Sattler said the elephant herpes virus that killed Malti was likely passed down from one of the adult METRO CANADA

Canada

Rae sets sights on Liberal leadership

Former Ontario Premier Bob Rae, left, all but officially announced he was entering the race to replace Stéphane Dion as the leader of the Liberal party. Over the weekend Rae confirmed his intension to run, but has yet to make a formal announcement. Rae is expected to wait until the party sets down the rules and timetable for the leadership campaign before officially throwing his hat in the ring. Rae also ran in the 2006 Liberal leadership race that Dion won. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Palin gets prank call from Quebec comics

U.S. vice-presidential hopeful Sarah Palin fell prey to a Canadian prankster Saturday when he called her impersonating French President Nicolas Sarkozy and got her to accept an invitation to hunt baby seals.

In an over-the-top French accent, a member of the Quebec comedy duo The Masked Avengers, famous for tricking celebrities and politicians including Sarkozy himself, asked if Palin would take him on a hunting trip by helicopter, and then in French said they could also go kill baby seals.

Palin

An apparently oblivious Palin said she thought that would be fun. "We could have a lot of fun together as we're getting work done. We could kill two birds with one stone that way."

The prankster also got Palin, Republican John McCain's running mate in tomorrow's U.S. presidential election, to reveal a potential ambition for the top job in Washington.

Asked if she would like to eventually become president, the Alaska governor responded, "Well, maybe in eight years."

Palin's office quickly admitted they were hoodwinked.

"Governor Palin was mildly amused to learn that she had joined the ranks of heads of state, including President Sarkozy, and other celebrities in being targeted by these pranksters. C'est la vie," Palin spokeswoman Tracy Schmitt said in an e-mail.

During the phone call, which was played for a Montreal radio program, Palin complimented the fake Sarkozy on his beautiful wife, Carla Bruni, and asked him to give her a "big hug" for her. "You added a lot of energy to your country with that beautiful family of yours," Palin said.

Palin also reassured the fake Sarkozy when he said he would not want to bring Vice President Dick Cheney on a hunting trip. Cheney once accidentally shot a hunting partner. REUTERS

In-law **Obama's Canadian relative**

MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

Senator Barack Obama has a Canadian in his family. His half-sister Maya Soetoro-Ng, pictured, is married to Konrad Ng, a Chinese-Canadian from Burlington, Ont., and assistant professor at the University of Hawaii.

RCMP say local behind bombings

B.C. Investigators probing another deliberate explosion that targeted natural gas pipelines in northeastern B.C. believe a local could be behind the attacks.

"When looking at when and where the attacks occurred, it is safe to say that the person or persons responsible knows how to locate the sites and has knowledge of the sites," said RCMP spokesman Sgt. Tim Shields in a news conference Saturday.

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News in brief

TASER A man is fighting for his life in hospital after he was Tasered by police in Calgary's southeast Saturday. Police were responding to a break and enter call.

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Teen pregnancy, aggressive behaviour linked to media: U.S. study
Exposure to some forms of entertainment is a corrupting influence on children, leading teens who watch sexy programs into early pregnancies and children who play violent video games to adopt aggressive behavior, say researchers at the RAND research organization. **REUTERS**

World

U.S. kids increasingly medicated

More and more U.S. children are being given drugs to fight chronic conditions such as asthma and hyperactivity, according to a new study. From 2002 to 2005, prescriptions for medicines to treat Type 2 diabetes doubled, asthma medications rose by more than 46 per cent, medicines for ADHD increased by more than 40 per cent and prescriptions for cholesterol-lowering drugs were up by 15 per cent. REUTERS

Metro readers support Obama

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metro life panel

SURVEY According to Metro readers worldwide, yes he can. And he will.

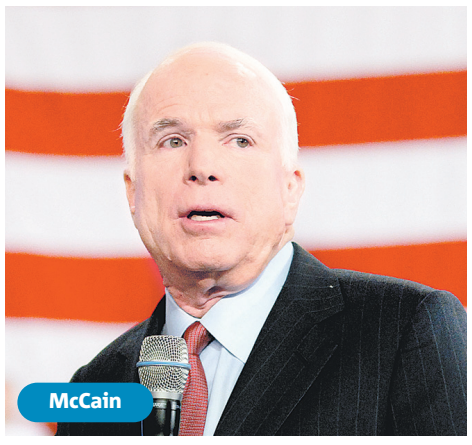
Respondents to a recent Metro Life Panel survey overwhelmingly support Democratic candidate Barack Obama as the next president of the United States.

Three quarters of those surveyed say they hope Obama defeats Republican John McCain in tomorrow's election. About 70 per cent of Canadians surveyed back Obama. Even more Metro readers believe Obama will win: 82 per cent (80 per cent in Canada).

Whoever does win will have some fences to mend. A staggering 85 per cent of respondents believe the reputation of the U.S. has worsened in the eight years under George W. Bush's presidency — that number rises to 92 per cent among American respondents.

But when it comes to what the next president should make his top priority — it's the economy, stupid. More than half of Metro readers say the financial crisis is the key issue for the next U.S. administration. Americans (67 per cent) and Canadians (65 per cent) feel most strongly about that.

The survey involved readers from Canada, the United States, Spain, France, Italy, Portugal, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and Hungary.



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Campaign '08: True lies

The opposing campaigns in the 2008 U.S. presidential race have come under closer scrutiny than ever before thanks to websites such as www.politifact.com and www.factcheck.org, which analyze candidates' claims and verify them – or otherwise.

And the fact is that both Barack Obama and John McCain have been guilty of little white lies to downright going-to-hell-in-a-handcart whoppers. Here are some examples.

METRO WORLD NEWS

McCain

1 **When:** July 3, July 8, July 14, Aug. 12, Sept. 12, Sept. 18.
Claim: Obama favours higher taxes and increased public spending.
Wild claim: Obama wants to raise taxes for anyone on more than $32,000 US and has voted 94 times for tax increases.
FACTCHECK: Most earning under $250,000 a year would see taxes fall. Of the 94 votes, 23 were against tax cuts, not for tax raises; and seven would have produced lower taxes.

2 **When:** June 5, Aug. 27.
Claim: Obama blocked a vote labelling Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard a terrorist organization; he declared the Iran threat "tiny."
FACTCHECK: Obama co-sponsored a bill calling the Revolutionary Guard a terrorist group; and Obama actually said Iran was a "tiny" threat – in comparison to Russia. McCain left that bit out.

3 **When:** Sept. 4, Sept. 12, Sept. 22.
Claim: Sarah Palin said she had opposed, all along, the Bridge to Nowhere in Alaska.
Wild claim: Palin said, "Thanks, but no thanks."
FACTCHECK: Palin supported the project during her run for governor. She still received all the funds for the bridge, but could spend them as she liked.

Obama

1 **When:** Sept. 19, Sept. 20.
Claim: McCain will cut your social security.
Wild claim: Obama says McCain wants to cut benefits in half, that McCain wants to invest retirement funds in the stock market and elderly women would starve because of recent stock market turmoil.
FACTCHECK: Existing retirees and those born before 1950 would be unaffected.

2 **When:** July 14, Aug. 14.
Claim: Obama said he would fast-track alternatives to imported oil.
Wild claim: If Americans properly inflated their tires, it would save as much oil as offshore drilling would produce.
FACTCHECK: The fast-track is a ten-year research fund. That's all. And the tire claim is sheer bunkum.

3 **When:** April 29
Claim: McCain wants U.S. troops to remain in Iraq for 100 years.
FACTCHECK: McCain was referring to peacetime, as in Korea and Japan.

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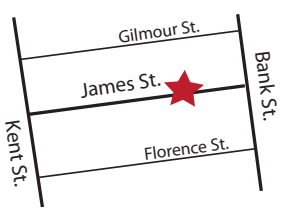

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Comment & Views

Comment

It's a mag, mag world in winter

HineSight

Anne Hines

November. Time to participate in some traditional Canadian winter activities.

Such as complaining and checking out immigration opportunities in Bermuda.

The key to getting through winter is to get outside and do something enjoyable. I favour a nice brisk run to the store to grab some magazines and then hole up for the duration.

I once read a stunning statistic that said the average Canadian reads more magazines per year than…well…people who don't read as many. So today, I bought my stash.

First up, a glossy money management magazine. The lead article advises me to, "Put all disposable assets into buying discounted stocks." I would do that, but I just used them to buy the magazine.

Women's magazines are often accused of being solely obsessed with weight loss. This is untrue. The one I bought was also obsessed with sex.

A women's monthly had the usual piece on "the secret to keeping off the weight." I always think these articles should be titled, "Never eat anything you really like ever again."

Women's magazines are often accused of being solely obsessed with weight-loss. This is untrue. The one I bought was also obsessed with sex. How to do it, when to do it, who to do it with. In my life that kind of list usually pertains to a carpool. I did enjoy the article "Money can't buy happiness" which would have been even better if it weren't followed by a ten-page spread of the trendiest bags and accessories that assure you it absolutely can.

A high fashion rag featured Brooke Shields wearing "Fabulous Holiday Party Fashions."

It never bothers me that that I don't own any of those gorgeous clothes. It occasionally bothers me that I'd have nowhere to wear them if I did.

Finally, a health magazine promised, "Reading this will make you feel better." The solution is, incredibly, eat properly, exercise and get enough sleep.

This would have made me feel better if I hadn't spent $8.99 for what my mother keeps telling me for free. They also gave, "Ten Coping Strategies for Making It Through Winter."

Tip # 1? Buy magazines.

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Views

No easy solutions for youth violence

By Christine Williams

Christine Williams

On Oct. 21, 14-year-old Rajiv Dharamdial took a shortcut home from school in Brampton, Ont., through a field when he was attacked and stabbed. The youngster dialed 9-1-1 for help and gave police important clues to help find his youth killers, but he didn't make it.

Rajiv's aunt railed against a justice system that she called lax with youth criminals. She isn't alone as citizens across the country are increasingly outraged by violent crimes, linked to gangs. Ironically, a week before Rajiv's burial, the court case began involving the murder of innocent 15-year-old Jane Creba, gunned down in broad daylight while shopping on Toronto's busiest street on Boxing Day in 2005, highlighting yet another dramatic tragedy of youth violence.

Out-of-control violence is no respecter of persons, nor place. Take, for instance, last weekend's suspected gang-related shootout inside a Calgary strip mall restaurant, killing a man and woman in their 20s. It's time to quit the politicking about banning handguns as a solution. Criminals don't obey gun bans. Canada already has strict regulations on gun ownership, which included the expansion of the gun registry in the mid-'90s.

Some government programs seem to be a step in the right direction. In September, former federal minister of public safety Stockwell Day announced $5 million in funding out of a $33-million National Crime Prevention Strategy — for a project aimed at preventing and reducing gang activity in Toronto. Ontario has also funded community-based mentoring programs. And, in Edmonton, which is now the gang-related murder capital of Canada, police have re-iterated calls for a preventative solution.

Most perpetrators of deadly violence are poor youth with gang affiliations, whose families are in desperate need of education and mentorship. Many are trapped in a vicious cycle of children having more children. Take for example, the horrific shooting of 18-year-old Amon Beckles in 2005 at a Finch-area Toronto church. He was attending the funeral of his friend who was also gunned down. Amon was a father.

Like Amon, many victims of gang crimes are involved in gangs, so mainstream society understandably empathizes more when a knife or bullet kills young innocents. If we toughen penalties, then they need to be combined with mandatory rehabilitation strategies to lower the rate of recidivism. But the best hope is prevention.

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Third Quebecer pleads guilty in gas price-fixing case

Pierre Bourassa, a former sales representative for Les Pétroles Global Inc. in the Sherbrooke and Magog regions, pleaded guilty Friday to a Quebec gas price-fixing case. He was given a 12-month community service sentence. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Business

Ted Rogers in hospital

Media giant Ted Rogers remains in a U.S. hospital where he is being treated for an existing heart condition. Friends said he had improved slightly since his planned stay began on Saturday. Rogers, 75, who underwent a triple bypass in 1992, has had numerous heart and other health problems dating back to his childhood. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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In brief

MEDIA Bond rating agencies DBRS and Moody's said they were putting CanWest Global Communications Ltd.'s debt ratings under review, after shares in the media company lost two-thirds of its value since September.

CANDY Potentially tainted Hershey's chocolate has been discovered in Oshawa and Niagara Falls, just days after federal inspectors removed 640 pieces of the candy from five Toronto stores. The chocolate was recalled in November 2006 after salmonella was found in an ingredient. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Singapore **Disgruntled investors hit the streets**

REUTERS/VIVEK PRAKASH

Former National Trades Union Congress chief Tan Kin Lian, centre, stands with some 200 disgruntled investors at Speaker's Corner in Singapore on Saturday to vent their frustrations and protest against banks who they say mis-sold products linked to Lehman Brothers.

Investors await election results

Canadian investors will be riveted by the U.S. presidential election next week, searching for signs that a new leader will help steer markets clear of the financial crisis threatening the global economy.

Though the benchmark index of the Toronto Stock Exchange has barely budged the day after the last five U.S. elections, this time promises to be different because of the market meltdown.

Republican candidate John McCain has trailed Democratic rival Barack Obama in the polls, but the Nov. 4 election will remove all guesswork about who the next President will be and will let the United States focus anew on efforts to steady the economy.

"Regardless of whether Obama or McCain gets in, the removal of that uncertainty factor might boost equity markets in the very short term," said Elvis Picardo, analyst and strategist at Global Securities.

In the trading session following four of the last five presidential elections, Toronto's composite index dipped less than 1 per cent, according to Reuters data. The notable exception was in 1996, when Democrat Bill Clinton was re-elected. The index rose about 1.5 per cent the following day. REUTERS

Index

- On Friday, the S&P/TSX composite index closed lower by 93.45 points, or 0.95 per cent, at 9,762.76.

Hollywood North's roller coaster

FILM As the Canadian loonie reached parity with the American greenback earlier this year, producers of a multimillion-dollar feature films began moving their productions to New York because it is less expensive to shoot there, an insulting role reversal for Hollywood North.

But things are beginning to look up as investors invest in the U.S. dollar, a safe haven, causing the loonie to fall. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Brodeur's streak comes to an end
New Jersey Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur has been ruled out for today's tilt with the Buffalo Sabres after suffering a bruised left elbow in Saturday's game against Atlanta. Brodeur will see his streak of consecutive regular-season starts end at a career-high 51 games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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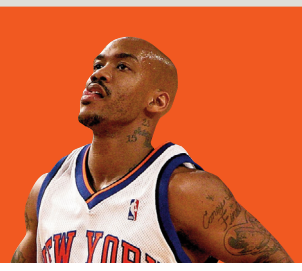

Marbury on the way out?

New Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni reportedly wants the club to waive point guard Stephon Marbury. The New York Post reported yesterday that D'Antoni, in his first season on the bench for the Knicks after four-plus seasons coaching the Phoenix Suns, wants the Knicks to cut ties with the embattled point guard.
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Tennessee remains perfect

NFL ROUNDUP

Rob Bironas kicked a 41-yard field goal 5:24 into overtime to keep the Tennessee Titans unbeaten with a 19-16 victory over the Green Bay Packers at LP Field yesterday.

Bironas had a chance to end the game in regulation, but his 47-yard attempt as time expired bounced off the right upright. The Titans won the coin toss to start the extra period and immediately gave him another chance.

Kerry Collins converted 3rd-and-6 with a 16-yard pass to Chris Johnson out of the backfield and Johnson followed with a 14-yard carry to the Green Bay 44- yard line. The Titans soon after faced another third down and LenDale White picked up the first down with a seven-yard run.

Dolphins 26 Broncos 17 — At Denver, Ronnie Brown rushed for a score just outside of three minutes remaining in a two-point game and Will Allen had a 32-yard interception return for a touchdown as Miami held off Denver.

Jets 26 Bills 17 — At Buffalo, Abram Elam returned an interception 92 yards for a touchdown and Thomas Jones ran for a score, as New York downed Buffalo in an important AFC East matchup.

Bears 27 Lions 23 — At Chicago, Rex Grossman filled in for an injured Kyle Orton and ran for the winning touchdown as Chicago came from behind to down Detroit.

Bengals 21 Jaguars 19 — At Cincinnati, Ryan Fitzpatrick threw for 162 yards and two touchdowns, and Chad Johnson caught both, giving the Bengals a win over Jacksonville in what was Cincinnati's first victory of the year.

Ravens 37 Browns 27 — At Cleveland, Joe Flacco threw for 248 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and Terrell Suggs returned an interception for a touchdown to seal it, as Baltimore rebounded from a 14-point deficit to top Cleveland.

Giants 35 Cowboys 14 — At New York, Eli Manning threw three touchdown as New York crushed Dallas Cowboys in an NFC East showdown.

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Miami running back Ronnie Brown hurdles Denver's Marlon McCree during the the Dolphins' 26-17 win yesterday.

Maple Leafs fall to Hurricanes

NHL RECAP

HOCKEY Chad LaRose picked up the game-winning goal in the third period as Carolina outgunned Toronto, 6-4, in the opener of a home- and-home set between the clubs at RBC Center. Eric Staal, Ray Whitney and Tuomo Ruutu each contributed a goal and one assist for Carolina.

Oilers 5 Flyers 4 — Ales Hemsky picked up three points on two goals and one assist as Edmonton held on to top Philadelphia, 5-4, at the Wachovia Center.

Thrashers 5 Panthers 3 — Ilya Kovalchuk registered two goals and an assist, as Atlanta defeated Florida, 5-3, in a tussle between two slumping Southeast Division clubs at Philips Arena. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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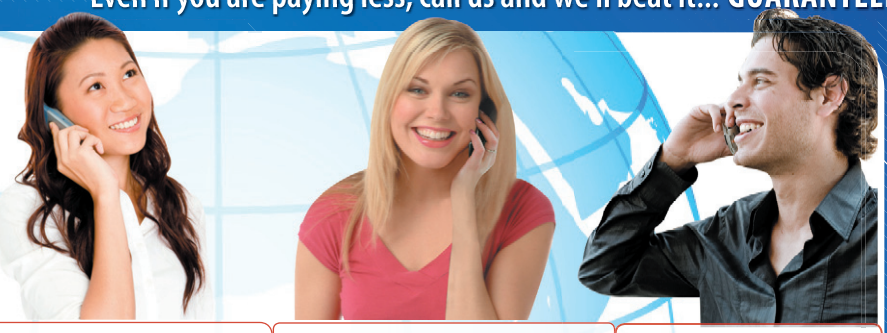

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Palmer wins by one

Ryan Palmer survived a one-shot penalty to claim a one-shot victory at the Ginn sur Mer Classic yesterday. Palmer, who was 143rd on the PGA Tour money list and desperate to squeeze inside the top 125 to secure his card for next season, made an 11-foot birdie putt at the 18th for a 7-under 281 to claim his second career title. REUTERS

Youngest champ yet

Hamilton sets F1 record and clinches title in final race

AUTO RACING RECAP

McLaren's Lewis Hamilton roared into the record books as Formula One's youngest champion yesterday when he snatched the title in last lap drama at the Brazilian Grand Prix.

In one of the most thrilling finales the sport has seen, the 23-year-old Briton was seconds from failure for the second year in a row.

Needing to finish fifth to become his country's first champion since Damon Hill in 1996, Hamilton began the final lap in sixth place and with Ferrari title rival Felipe Massa cruising to victory.

Forced to pit for wet tyres while in fourth place after a rainstorm in the closing stages, Hamilton had dropped to fifth and was then passed by Vettel's Ferrari-powered Toro Rosso on the 69th of 70 laps.

With the title disappearing as fast as Massa's Ferrari was taking him to the chequered flag in front of his home fans, Hamilton's family looked on aghast while Brazil prepared to celebrate.

SERGIO MORAES/REUTERS

McLaren driver Lewis Hamilton, front, leads Toro Rosso driver Sebastian Vettel at the Brazilian F1 Grand Prix in Sao Paulo yesterday. Hamilton clinched the season title on the final lap of the race.

Salvation came in the shape of Toyota's Timo Glock, with the German struggling for grip after staying out on dry tyres.

Vettel overtook his compatriot for fourth place and then Hamilton powered past Glock as the final corner approached. Some 18 seconds later, the title was won. REUTERS

Bolton shocks Manchester City, moves free of relegation zone

SOCCER RECAP

SOCCER Bolton Wanderers moved off the bottom of the Premier League and out of the relegation zone with a 2-0 home defeat of Manchester City yesterday.

A poor game was settled by two late goals, the first a close-range effort from Ricardo Gardner and the second an own goal from City defender Richard Dunne.

Bolton climbed above Newcastle United, who play Aston Villa today, and Tottenham Hotspur who were 2-1 winners against Liverpool on Saturday.

West Bromwich Albion drop into the bottom three.

City stay 10th despite a sequence of just one win in six league games that will not please the club's Abu Dhabi owners.

"I'm disappointed because you have to stand up to the challenge at Bolton"
Mark Hughes, Man City manager

"I'm disappointed because you have to stand up to the challenge at Bolton," City manager Mark Hughes told the BBC.

"We know we can do a lot better than we showed today, but we weren't allowed to play our normal game."

City had chances to take the lead through Robinho and Stephen Ireland but fell behind after 76 minutes when Gardner, looking slightly offside, turned in a Gretar Steinsson cross off the underside of the crossbar.

Dunne then completed a miserable afternoon for City when a Gardner cross went into the net off his shin with two minutes of normal time remaining.

On Saturday, Chelsea regained top spot with a 5-0 thumping of Sunderland at Stamford Bridge before Liverpool were surprisingly beaten at Tottenham. REUTERS

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Phoenix at Calgary, 10
Nashville at Vancouver, 10
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30

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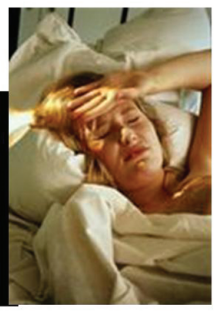

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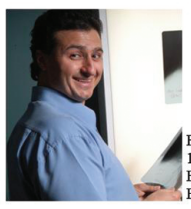

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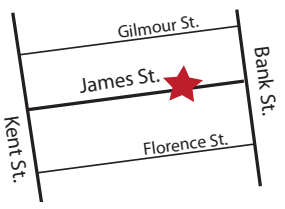

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Just be your ornery self

OddJobs

Diane Peters

Vesna Saric trains soldiers not to need to use violence in tough situations.

One afternoon, in the bush outside Kingston, Ont., Vesna Saric blockaded the road with a pile of rocks and demanded money for her two dead sheep.

The soldier she was speaking to through an interpreter did his best to calm her down, kindly refuse her requests for money and eventually get her to clear the road.

Half an hour later, it was over. Another successful military training exercise complete. The soldier learned a little about dealing with civilians in difficult situations and Saric simply had fun doing her job.

As a military role player, Saric, 53, has done dozens of these types of simulations to help members of the Canadian Armed Forces learn to negotiate and communicate with locals in the countries they're visiting.

Saric is Bosnian and was an Arabic/Serbo-Croatian interpreter in her home country and in the Middle East. But the after-effects of war made her decide to immigrate to Canada, and she moved to Ottawa in 2002. Through an agency, she started doing part-time work for the Department of National Defence, briefing military staff on Bosnian culture.

Two years later, she was asked to help gather a group of Bosnians to act as role players for a training exercise. They headed off to Kingston for five days. In the 10 different scenarios they staged, Saric and her fellow role players pretended to be villagers, chiefs of police and hospital administrators. "They're not actors. The only big requirement is that they play themselves," says Saric.

Although the days were long and the exercises had to be repeated for every soldier doing the training (one actor would do the part a handful of times and then another would step in), the work was fun. All the role players had to do was follow a very basic script, be helpful if the soldier did things right and become increasingly difficult if he or she was rude or broke a cultural rule. Even if different actors played the same role in a vastly different way, that was fine: soldiers were going to meet all kinds of people while on deployment.

Saric has just completed her masters in political science at Carleton University and is looking for a new job that suits her skills. She still helps organize training scenarios, and recruits people to role-play locals from Afghanistan, Somalia, Haiti and Sudan — places Canadian forces are deployed today.

With few Canadian soldiers in Bosnia today, she just participates in sessions where various ethnicities are needed, and does it about twice a month. That's fine: she still gets to be herself.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Military Role Player

Education/training: You must be able to follow a simple script and basic instructions in English — but otherwise talk in your native tongue and be yourself

Best Part of the Job: "It's very big fun. It's also nice to help soldiers learn to communicate with people who are not native English speakers."

Worst Part of the Job: "Waking up at 4 a.m. to be on the job in Kingston at 8 a.m."

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Melissa and Jun Paul Obayashi want moms-to-be to look and feel just as sexy as celebrities with baby bumps and not have to compromise their personal sense of style.

The married Vancouver couple decided to ditch their day jobs and start up Vie Maternity Boutique, a store devoted to offering stylish maternity wear that women would actually want to wear regardless of whether they were having a baby or not.

"People want to look good and dress well even when they're pregnant," Melissa Obayashi said.

Melissa, 28, realized just how lacking in stylish maternity wear the clothing market was when she was pregnant with her son.

Being a 12-year veteran of the fashion industry, she was appalled at how few choices a pregnant mother had in how to dress. She did some research and found plenty of companies offering quality, stylish maternity clothing that, for one reason or another, had not entered the Canadian market. She knew she had found a lucrative niche providing attractive clothing that was up-to-date with current trends and quality standards.

"It's all really just about really good quality clothing that's keeping with today's trends. A lot of maternity clothing is five years behind in style," Melissa said.

The Obayashis are funding Vie Maternity Boutique completely themselves, having struck well financially in the Vancouver real estate market. Rather than sit on their money, the two decided to invest it in a business venture that combines Melissa's fashion skills with Jun Paul's investment expertise.

Jun Paul, a life-long entrepreneur and veteran investor with experience in the restaurant and film industry, decided Vie Maternity Boutique was the right choice after the birth of his first son. He realized he was risking more than his own finances every time he backed another movie production.

"My priorities changed with the birth of my son," Jun Paul said.

With wealthy customers even flying in from nearby provinces to shop at the store, success has outpaced stress at the store counter for the entrepreneurial couple.

The idea for Vie Maternity Boutique came from a perceived lack of fashionable maternity wear in Canada.

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Best to steer clear of the rumour mill

OFFICE WORKPLACE They say "loose lips sink ships," and most executives concur, a new survey suggests. Eighty-four per cent of marketing and advertising executives said it's common for employees to engage in office gossip, and nearly two-thirds (63 per cent) said it has a negative effect on the workplace.

In the study, developed by The Creative Group, advertising and marketing executives were asked, "In your opinion, how common is it for employees to engage in office gossip?"

Their responses:

- Very common 41 per cent;
- Somewhat common 43 per cent;
- Not very common 14 per cent;
- Not at all common 1 per cent.

Respondents also were asked, "Do you think office gossip has a positive or negative effect on the workplace?" Their responses:

- Very positive 1 per cent;
- Somewhat positive 9 per cent;
- Neither positive nor negative 27 per cent;
- Somewhat negative 38 per cent;
- Very negative 25 per cent.

"Gossip occurs in every workplace, but in times of economic uncertainty rumours can become more prevalent and negative in tone," said Megan Slabinski, executive director of The Creative Group. "Employees may speculate about changes within their firms, and staff members who question their job security might spread rumors about coworkers with whom they feel competitive."

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Tips

- The Creative Group offers these additional tips to help managers curb office gossip:
- Check in. Visit one-on-one with staff members. Professionals may be more inclined to share concerns in an informal setting.
- Keep doors open. Workers become anxious when managers speak behind closed doors and in hushed tones. Try to maintain as much accessibility as possible. Consider discussing sensitive issues in less visible locations.
- Pick out bad apples. If there's a single employee who continually spreads negative rumors or gossip, quickly address the issue with that person.
- Lead by example. Avoid saying anything about others that you wouldn't say to them personally, and let employees know that you expect the same of them.

Colleges Ontario running photography contest
Colleges Ontario is launching a photography contest where students are asked to submit a picture reflecting their college experience. The top 12 photos will be included in a desk calendar and exhibited at Colleges Ontario's annual conference in February. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Can't come in today, dog's stressed out

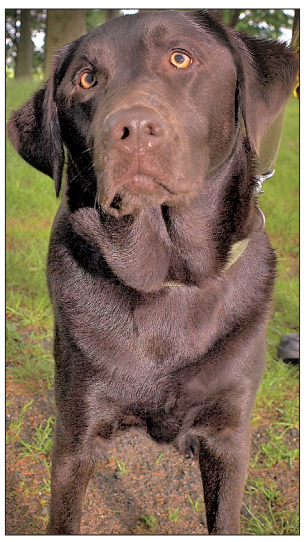
CareerBuilder.com's annual survey on absenteeism shows 33 per cent of workers have played hooky from the office, calling in sick when they were well at least once this year.

While the majority of employers said they typically don't question the reason for the absence, 31 per cent reported they have checked up on an employee who called in sick and 18 per cent said they have fired a worker for missing work without a legitimate excuse. The survey included more than 6,800 workers and 3,300 employers.

Nearly one-in-ten workers (9 per cent) who played hooky admitted to calling in sick because they wanted to miss a meeting, buy some time to work on a project that was already due or avoid the wrath of a boss or colleague. Some said they missed work because they just needed to relax and recharge (30 per cent) or to catch up on sleep (22 per cent) among others.

When asked to share the most unusual excuses employees gave for missing work, employers offered the following real-life examples:

- Employee didn't want to lose the parking space in front of his house;
- Employee hit a turkey while riding a bike;
- Employee said he had a heart attack early that morning, but that he was "all better now";
- Employee donated too much blood;
- Employee's dog was stressed out after a family reunion;
- Employee was kicked by a deer;
- Employee contracted mono after kissing a mailroom intern at the company holiday party and suggested the company post a notice to warn others who may have kissed him;
- Employee's wife burned all his clothes and he had nothing to wear to work;



Last year, at least one employee called in sick because his or her dog was stressed out, according to a survey.

- Employee's toe was injured when a soda can fell out of the refrigerator;
- Employee was up all night because the police were investigating the death of someone discovered behind her house. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Garth not returning to Melrose Place
Actress Jennie Garth has refused to return to Melrose Place for a planned remake of the hit TV series. "I don't want to do it," she says. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Spidey scribe
Pulitzer Prize winner David Lindsay-Abaire, the man behind the hit show Rabbit Hole, is in talks to write the screenplay for Spider-Man 4. IMDB.COM

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Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to studios:

1. **High School Musical 3: Senior Year:** $15 million US
2. **Zack and Miri Make a Porno:** $10.7 million
3. **Saw V:** $10.1 million
4. **Changeling:** $9.4 million
5. **The Haunting of Molly Hartley:** $6 million
6. **Beverly Hills Chihuahua:** $4.7 million
7. **The Secret Life of Bees:** $4 million
8. **Max Payne:** $3.7 million
9. **Eagle Eye:** $3.4 million
10. **Pride And Glory:** $3.3 million

REUTERS

Phillips pleads guilty to charge

PEOPLE Former One Day at a Time television star Mackenzie Phillips pleaded guilty to cocaine possession and was ordered into another drug rehab program.

Phillips, 48, thanked police for arresting her at Los Angeles International Airport in August, saying "they saved my life" in an address to the court.

The actress, the eldest daughter of late Mamas & the Papas leader John Phillips, was charged with possessing cocaine, heroin and a hypodermic needle or syringe after security found drugs packaged in balloons and plastic bags on her.

Bravo lines up Runway substitute

TV With the future of Project Runway still unclear, Bravo has found a couple of projects that could take its place.

The network has given a series pickup to The Fashion Show, which like Runway is described as a fashion-design competition series. One difference between Runway and Show is that the winner of the new series will be chosen by viewers; a panel of judges selects the winner on Runway. REUTERS

Trip down memory lane

Author Anne Enright revisits old material with Yesterday's Weather

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

Most of us, if we're truthful, look at old pictures of ourselves and cringe a bit. The same can be said of writers revisiting their words.

"It's really hard to read old work," said author Anne Enright. "Essentially, yes — you'd go back and do it all again. And the other thing is, you can't do it all again because you're 10 years older. You're a different person."

Enright, winner of last year's Man Booker Prize for her novel The Gathering, has taken a look back through her prose. Yesterday's Weather is a retrospective collection of short stories being released in North America for the first time. Its tales of love and family are presented in reverse chronological order.

"It was a very amusing thing to do, and I thought actually that people might forgive the earlier stories," Enright said with a laugh. "Or they might go, 'Oh God, she's really gone off!'"

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Anne Enright's book Yesterday's Weather is a retrospective collection of short stories.

In the stories, the Dublin writer reveals both sides of her characters: We see their social interaction, as well as what's going in the limitless expanse of their thoughts.

"They're mostly about ordinary women who have an extraordinary inner life," Enright said. "That's how I phrase it. They have small lives and large thoughts, which I think is basically what we all have, one way or another."

Enright assumes various perspectives in her stories. There's a wife who lives with a promiscuous husband; a daughter whose parents find new life on a vacation cruise; and a new mother overwhelmed by her in-laws in the title story.

"I get a very strong response from that, I really do," Enright said. "Especially from men — funnily enough.

"If people have been in The Zone, which is such an extreme place, when babies are tiny — you just don't know what the hell has hit you."

Enright said some people believe the stories are autobiographical. Not her.

"A lot of the characters in that collection are versions of people who aren't me," she said in a phone interview from a Toronto hotel. "So it's like: Not me, not me, not me. It's all these 'not me's' … They're aspects of yourself that you wouldn't choose to develop, necessarily.

"There's freedom in fiction — that's one of the things we like about it. They are freedoms I took, I suppose."

Yesterday's Weather

BY: Anne Enright
WHAT: Retrospective short-story compilation
FROM: McClelland & Stewart
COST: $27.95

Haunting short on scares and story

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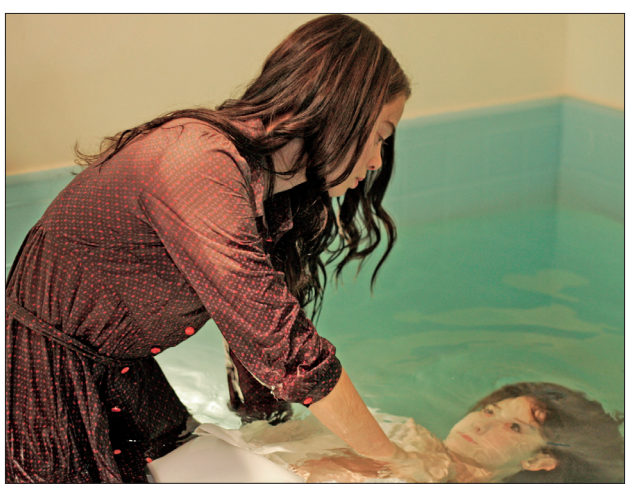
The Haunting of Molly Hartley

Director: Mickey Liddell
Stars: Haley Bennett, Jake Weber, Chace Crawford
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕½

Everyone knows the drill, the horror-movie drill. Things seem to be going along smoothly, then — boo! — the usually innocuous surprise, like a bark from a dog or a tap on the shoulder from a friend.

Used sparingly, this horror-movie device can be fun and effective. It heightens tension then immediately releases it — sometimes you can hear the sighs of relief in the theatre. It's part of the reason why we enjoy the horror-movie ride.



The Haunting of Molly Hartley is a choppy, disjointed movie.

But used too frequently, this device becomes predictable and, eventually, boring. That's what happens in The Haunting of Molly Hartley, a choppy, disjointed movie short on scares and story.

It's like they couldn't wait to make a movie, so they plowed ahead with the production without developing a plot. The script is lazy: Stuff happens that isn't connected, you can see some events coming a mile away, and — worst of all — a amoral, baffling ending that explains nothing. We're expected to be satisfied knowing that, OK, this is bad stuff over here, good stuff over here. Don't sweat the details.

The cast is fine. Haley Bennett, who plays Molly Hartley, is believable as the sexy, subdued student hiding a lot. Jake Weber plays Molly's father, Robert Hartley. He reprises his role from TV's Medium, playing the sensitive, caring dad. Heartthrob Chace Crawford portrays Molly's romantic interest, Joseph Young. There's not much range in the role, but Crawford fills it dreamily.

But despite solid, likeable performances, everything The Haunting of Molly Hartley tries to do has been done better previously in other movies.

Bond sets opening day record in U.K.

MOVIES The new James Bond film, Quantum of Solace, debuted in Britain Friday to record one-day ticket sales of $8 million US, distributor Columbia Pictures said.

The total tops Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, the previous record holder with an opening day haul of $6.5 million in 2005, and it also beat the $4.72 million first-day total for the last Bond flick, Casino Royale (2006), Columbia said.

In Quantum of Solace, British super spy Bond (Daniel Craig) is on a mission across South America and Europe to stop an eco-terrorist from controlling precious natural resources, and he wants to learn why the woman he loved in Casino Royale betrayed him. REUTERS

Reunion rumour wrong
Pop star Michael Jackson has ruled out a Jackson 5 reunion. Recent reports had the Jackson brothers — Michael, Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Randy and Marlon, planning a world tour next year with their singer sister Janet Jackson. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Goodnight sweet King of the Hill

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THE LIVING AND THE DEAD: Either everybody was wrong about Kath & Kim, or the networks are more desperate than anyone thought to keep the airwaves buzzing. Last week, I reported that the buzz about the NBC comedy was more of a spit bubble, but the network has given the show a full-season pick-up, according to a story in Variety on Friday.

With an average of about 6 million viewers over its four episodes so far, the Americanized adaptation of the Australian hit has retained enough My Name Is Earl viewers from the preceding Thursday night slot to get an order of a further nine episodes, and the likelihood of a DVD season box set on the shelves by summer.

Another lucky primetime title is Samantha Who?, the Christina Applegate vehicle, which got an order of another seven episodes from ABC, after pulling in 9.6 million viewers last Monday.

Things aren't looking so good for 'Til Death, which Fox has pulled from Wednesday night for the next two weeks in favour of House reruns, promising in that vague Fox kinda way to bring it back after November sweeps are over.

The CW has also made some confident noises, upping episode orders for shows like 90210 and One Tree Hill, which have been expanded to 24 episodes, and Gossips Girl, which will be filling out a 25-episode season.

It's nice to know that, in these perilous economic times, at least a few showrunners and executive producers will be able to upgrade their car lease to the latest Benz sedan.

I have long been convinced that I was the only person watching King of the Hill.

Not so lucky is Valentine and Easy Money, two CW shows which "had been put on hiatus with skeleton crews while more scripts were written," according to L.A. Weekly's insider Nikki Finke, but have now been put on "permanent hiatus," a Hollywood euphemism that has a meaning much like "concrete tuxedo" does in organized crime, or "non-operative personnel" in the military.

Finally, I have sad proof that the world isn't organized in a Cartesian system in which I am the sole central consciousness: Fox has ordered a fifth season of American Dad, while canceling King of the Hill after this final, 13th season.

I have long been convinced that I was the only person watching KOTH, while I have several sound scientific studies proving that American Dad is only slightly funnier than looped footage of racehorses breaking their legs in crowded turns, writhing in pain before being discretely dispatched out of sight of the crowds.

This news confirms that I am not, in fact, the centre of the universe, while there are millions of people out there who will laugh at anything.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

On the web

Scott "The Sartorialist" Schuman:

- Street-fashion photographer Scott Schuman reveals what catches his eye and what cities have him hit his shutter-button. Read it at metronews.ca/style

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Love, loss at Red Lobster

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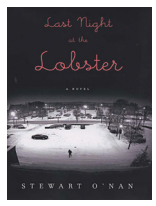
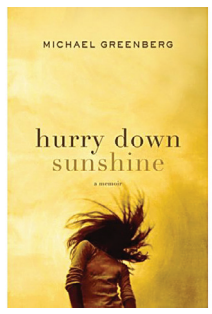


Last Night at the **Lobster**

Author: Stewart O'Nan
Publisher: Penguin Books
Price: $14.50 (Paperback)

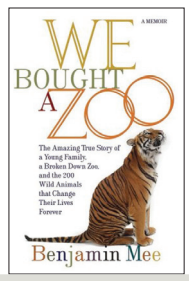
Manny DeLeon is stuck between a fish and an olive. Well, not literally. He's the manager of a Red Lobster in New England that is being forced to close its doors. Not only does that mean Manny is out of a job he's inordinately attached to, but he's being bumped down to assistant manager and transferred to the Olive Garden. Add that to his romance woes — he's struggling between his past lover Jacquie and girlfriend Deena. In Last Night at the Lobster, Manny has one night to keep himself together in spite of what he's got to lose.



Hurry Down Sunshine: **A memoir**

Author: Michael Greenberg
Publisher: HarperCollins
Price: $29.95 (Hardcover)

When somebody is "struck mad", changing her life and personality, who is the first person you think of? Not likely a fifteen-year-old girl. But that was the wearisome experience of Michael Greenberg's daughter Sally that began in the summer of 1996. In Hurry Down Sunshine, Greenberg recalls the manic bout in detail. He describes how Sally began to go mad from the beginning and how, as a father, there was little he could do to help her. Greenberg leaves no stone unturned in his vividly personal account of mental illness.



We Bought a Zoo: **A memoir**

Author: Benjamin Mee
Publisher: Doubleday Canada
Price: $29.95 (Hardcover)

When the Dartmoor Wildlife Park in southwest England was forced to shut down in 2006, Benjamin Mee found opportunity. Mee moved his entire family — wife, mother, son, daughter and brother — to the zoo to take up residence, joining a host of exotic animals that lived there. With a dream of reopening the zoo, Mee et. al struggled through both animal and human barriers, including the death of Mee's wife due to a brain tumor. In We Bought a Zoo, Mee's journey leads to the triumphant 2007 opening of the Dartmoor Zoological Park.

Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada

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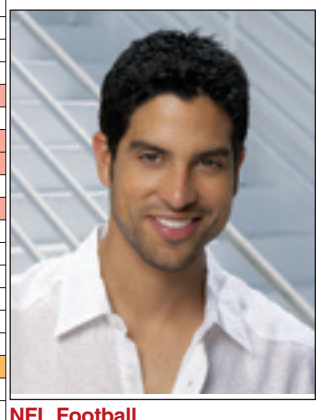
CSI: Miami
Days on the job site without an accident: zero. In this new episode, a 200-foot crane crashes into a Miami high-rise, putting Delko and Calleigh (Adam Rodriguez, Emily Procter) in danger and ruining Horatio's (David Caruso) best hope of catching a notorious crime boss. But don't worry; everyone has adequate insurance. 10 PM on 13 CBS 7 CTV



NFL Football
Is there any team playing more night games this season than the Pittsburgh Steelers? They're on in prime time a total of five times, including tonight's tussle in Landover, Md., against Jason Campbell and the Washington Redskins. Pitt's attractiveness to the networks makes sense, though, when you consider they entered the season with the league's toughest schedule. And in the 'Skins, Hines Ward and company will be facing one of the NFC's (some say NFL's) top clubs. 8:30 PM on 30 TSN

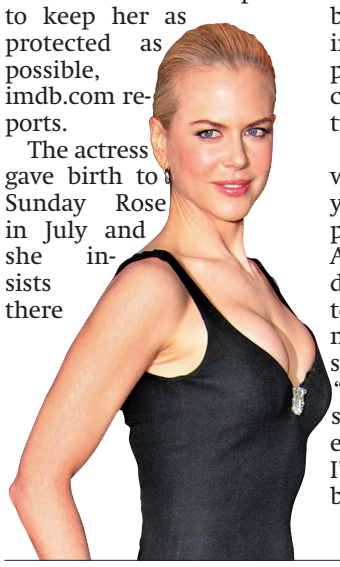
Sevigny splits from rocker

Actress Chloe Sevigny has split from her rocker boyfriend Matt McAuley. The star has been dating the A.R.E. Weapons bass player on and off for the past eight years, but friends insist this split is for good. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Kidman keeping daughter protected

PARENTING Nicole Kidman refuses to show her baby daughter off to the world because she's made a point to keep her as protected as possible, imdb.com reports.



The actress gave birth to Sunday Rose in July and she insists there won't be any family magazine spread or intimate shots released online.

That means she and husband Keith Urban are willing to fight the world's paparazzi over what has become a top-price first picture of the new baby.

"People say, 'Oh, it would be so much easier if you'd just let them (paparazzi) get a photo of her.' And I can't. I'm like, 'I don't want to. I want her to stay out of that,'" Kidman tells the upcoming issue of Parade magazine. "Maybe that will wane as she gets bigger, and I'll be easier with it. But, for now, I'm keeping her in a bubble."

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Alba inspires Spelling

HEALTH Actress Tori Spelling had a hard time regaining her pre-pregnancy figure, but looked to actress Jessica Alba for inspiration to shed the weight, imdb.com reports.

The star welcomed her second child, Stella Doreen, on June 9, whereas Alba gave birth to Honor Marie on June 7.

Seeing photos of a slim Alba spurred Spelling on to get back in shape.

"I would look at pictures of myself and compare them to Jessica Alba, who had her baby two days before me. I'd see photos of her two months after and go, 'Look at her!'" Spelling says.

But being mom to Stella and one-year-old Liam came first to Spelling, and she refused to forfeit her time with them for the sake of her figure.

"The best way to lose weight is to make it a family affair," she says. "It has changed my life. It's easier now because I'm not as focused on it. Take your time. If you get obsessed, you'll miss out on great moments with your children."

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Olsen planning to wed?

WEDDING Actress Ashley Olsen is planning to marry National Treasure star Justin Bartha in a secret $1-million US ceremony in the French Riviera, according to reports.

The pair is rumoured to be in discussions about possible nuptials in the south of France next summer, imdb.com reports.

According to the National Enquirer, 22-year-old Olsen's wedding party will include twin sister Mary-Kate, her 19-year-old sister Lizzie and half-sister Taylor, 12. Her two brothers are said to have been enlisted as groomsmen for the event. And the star has reportedly tapped her famous friends to help her celebrate.

"Ashley has dreamed of having her wedding on the French Riviera, and she's going to ask her favourite designer Karl Lagerfeld to create a custom-designed gown ... She also wants photographer Annie Leibovitz, who Mary-Kate has worked with, to capture the entire extravaganza on film," a source tells the tabloid. Olsen has been dating 30-year-old Bartha since the beginning of the year.

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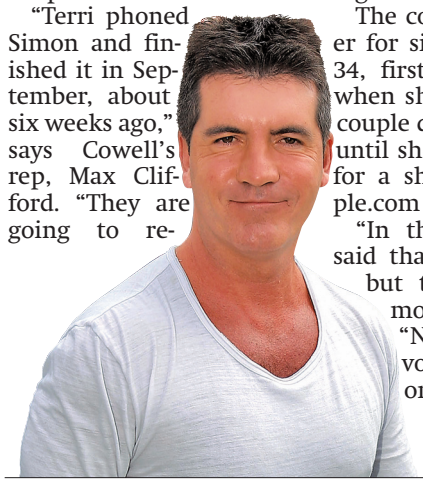
Cowell, girlfriend call it quits

BREAKUP American Idol judge Simon Cowell and his girlfriend Terri Seymour have called it quits, Cowell's rep confirms to People.

"Terri phoned Simon and finished it in September, about six weeks ago," says Cowell's rep, Max Clifford. "They are going to remain close friends. Simon thinks the world of Terri and that isn't going to change. He also understands her reason for ending it."



The couple were together for six years. Seymour, 34, first met Cowell, 48, when she was 18, but the couple didn't begin dating until she interviewed him for a show in 2002, People.com reports.

"In the past Terri has said that she wants kids, but that just isn't Simon," adds Clifford. "Nobody else is involved, certainly not on Simon's side."

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Miller's lawsuit going to trial

LEGAL Sienna Miller's paparazzi lawsuit is going to trial after the actress' lawyers accused photographers of waging a "campaign of harassment" against her, imdb.com reports.

Miller is suing photographic agency Big Pictures (U.K.) Ltd. and its founder, Darryn Lyons, claiming the company's "relentless pursuit" of her has breached her human rights.

Miller has accused the firm of harassment and invasion of privacy.

At a preliminary hearing at London's High Court recently, Miller's attorney, David Sherborne, insisted she had endured being chased while driving and suffered "other forms of physical and verbal intimidation or abuse in (photographers') attempts to obtain photographs of her for commercial exploitation."

Judge Justice Eady announced a trial should be set for the first available date after Jan. 12.

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McCready released from jail

LEGAL Country singer Mindy McCready has been released from a Tennessee jail after serving half of a 60-day sentence for violating probation on a 2004 drug charge, People.com reports.

The platinum recording artist was released at 9 a.m. Friday, said Williamson County Sheriff's Lt. Mark Wainwright, who added that it's not unusual for a well-behaved inmate to serve only half of a sentence on a probation violation.

"Good behaviour, a system that credits two days for each day served, and her job as a pod janitor here — all of that reduced her sentence," Wainwright said.

McCready, 32, was accused in June of falsifying her community service records and violating probation imposed in 2004 for fraudulently obtaining prescription painkillers.

In July 2007, she served five months after a scuffle with her mother and resisting arrest at her mother's home in Fort Myers, Fla.

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celebrity briefs

Hudson may be dating athlete

DATING Kate Hudson is dating her childhood friend, Los Angeles Clippers star Baron Davis, according to reports. Hudson, who has known Davis since she was 16, has been spotted out with him in Los Angeles, according to Star magazine.

"Kate and Baron looked like they were on a date," a source says. "They enjoyed a few drinks together and whispered in each other's ear throughout the night. At the end, they jumped into his car and drove back to her house in Pacific Palisades. They've been spending more and more time together since Baron moved back to L.A. this summer."

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Telephone call changed Paltrow

HEALTH Gwyneth Paltrow's health-conscious lifestyle and eating habits can be traced back to a phone call a decade ago that, she says, "changed my life," People.com reports. In a new GOOP newsletter, the actress writes that while filming The Talented Mr. Ripley in Italy in 1998, she learned her father had been diagnosed with throat cancer. "I watched his health deteriorate slowly until his death in 2002," Paltrow, 36, says of her director dad, Bruce. "During this time I began to read about Eastern medicine and the body's capacity to heal itself."

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Electra not rushing down the aisle

MARRIAGE She's wearing an engagement ring, but actress Carmen Electra is in no rush to say "I do," People.com reports. "That's the thing this time — we're going to avoid everyone else's pressure and go at our own pace," said Electra, whose fiancé is Rob Patterson. "Right now we're just taking things really slow." Electra, who was previously married to rocker Dave Navarro and NBA star Dennis Rodman, got engaged to Patterson in April.

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Joe's take on celebrities

Nicole Kidman is intent upon continuing to shield her new daughter **Sunday Roast** from the paparazzi. It's effectively a two-pronged message.

First, it suggests that **Nicole** does, in fact, have greater maternal instincts than an igneous rock, and secondly, it sends a missive to the photographers that the bounty's never been higher on a photo of the kid. Nicely done, Nic!

I don't doubt **Kidman**'s ability to successfully conceal the child. She's kept any discernable acting talent hidden for close to twenty years now.

I did like her in **To Die For,** in which she played a cold-blooded psychopath who put her own ambition for fame ahead of any moral concerns, but I'm not sure that she was acting in that one.

No word on how protective **Kidman** feels about **Connor** and **Isabella Cruise**, the two children that she and **Tom Cruise** adopted, although given the fact that they're being raised by their father, their comment would probably go something like, "Ahhhhhhhhhhh!"

Perhaps I'm being far too cynical. Maybe **Kidman** has been struck by the magic of motherhood and she and her hubby really will fight to the death against the prying photogs who vie for the image of their progeny.

To which I reply, "Get over yourself!"

The common housefly is a mother a million times over. Maybe all the Botox has frozen your brain, but you had a child, you didn't lay a golden egg! And when's your next bad movie coming out, anyway?

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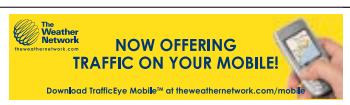

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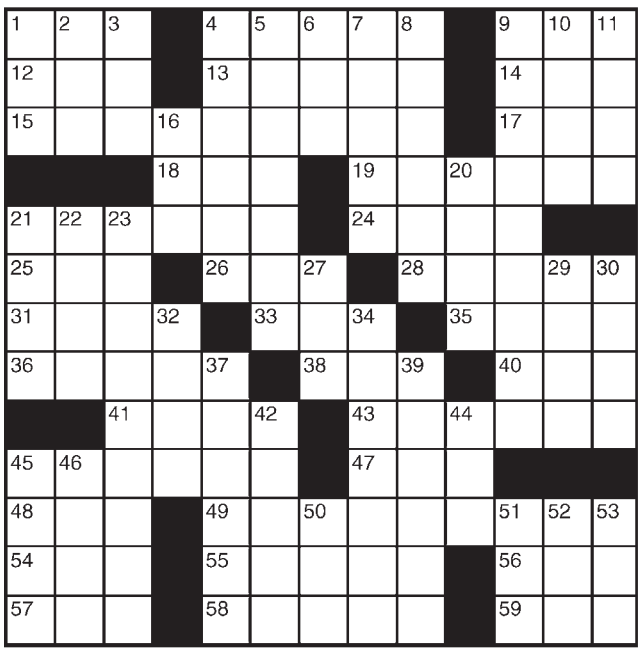

Crossword across

1 Mandible
4 Corporate division
9 Bear hair
12 Muslim official
13 Ex-Senator Lott
14 Individual
15 Telegrapher's means
17 Disencumber
18 Savings-plan acronym
19 Forces out
21 Traveled like Columbus
24 Drop a letter?
25 "— Town"
26 U.K. reference bk.
28 US-Canada-Mexico bloc
31 Classroom VIP
33 "Mayday!'
35 Calendar quota
36 Underwear brand
38 Suntan lotion abbr.
40 — out a living
41 Ship's chassis
43 Ducks
45 Hex
47 "Smoking or —?"
48 Blunder
49 Student's easy "A"
54 Petrol
55 Broadcast
56 Gorilla
57 Hearty brew
58 Approaches
59 Tibetan beast

Crossword down

1 Toast spread
2 Past
3 Series of battles
4 Mono alternative
5 Video-game parlors
6 Zodiac feline
7 Finished
8 Mr. Spielberg
9 Compel to eat
10 — pricing
11 Cincinnati team
16 Part of RSVP
20 "Now — me down to sleep"
21 Ex-frosh
22 Emanation
23 Steam locomotive
27 — and don'ts
29 Grasp
30 Belligerent deity
32 Vendetta
34 Actor Tracy
37 Catchphrase
39 Deluges
42 Comic Anderson
44 Name in Burma's history
45 Singer Suzanne
46 Exam format
50 — -la-la
51 Beam of light
52 Resort
53 "A mouse!"

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		6				8		
		5	8		7	2		
4				9				7
	9	8	4		2	1	5	
	7	2	3		9	4	8	
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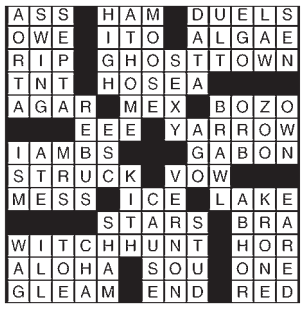
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



1	6	2	5	4	3	8	7	9
5	7	8	9	6	2	1	3	4
9	4	3	8	7	1	2	5	6
4	3	6	1	5	7	9	8	2
2	5	1	4	8	9	3	6	7
8	9	7	2	3	6	5	4	1
6	2	5	7	9	8	4	1	3
3	8	9	6	1	4	7	2	5
7	1	4	3	2	5	6	9	8

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day

Broiled steak with mustard-glazed potatoes

INGREDIENTS:
¼ cup (50 mL) Dijon mustard
1 tbsp (15 mL) clear honey
1 tbsp (15 mL) cider vinegar
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
¼ tsp (1 mL) black pepper
1 lb (500 g) lean beef tenderloin
1 ½ lb (750 g) new potatoes
1 large onion, cut into 8 wedges
1 bunch watercress, tough ends trimmed

METHOD:
1. Combine mustard, honey, vinegar, garlic and pepper in a large bowl. Place beef in a shallow bowl. Measure out 2 tbsp (25 mL) mustard mixture and rub all over beef. Marinate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
2. Peel a strip of skin from around each potato. Boil until just tender, about 20 minutes. Drain well and add to bowl of mustard mixture. Toss to coat. With a slotted spoon, transfer potatoes to broiler pan, leaving room for beef and onion wedges.
3. Add the onion to mustard mixture in bowl, turning to coat. Add to broiler pan.
4. Preheat broiler. Add beef to broiler pan and broil 3 inches (8 cm) from heat for 8 minutes, turning beef, onions and potatoes midway through. Let beef stand for 5 minutes before slicing. Serve on bed of watercress.

SERVES 4

PER SERVING
311 calories, 30 protein, 7 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 66 mg cholesterol, 31 g carbohydrate, 6 g fibre, 191 mg sodium.

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You'll find evidence of career goals being set aside. Refusing to comply will lead to a dispute. Your devotion is reckoned to be important.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Take someone's breath away with your thoughtfulness. A woman is going from bad to worse. You'll get wise to someone's brazen ploy.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone is forced to lie. Make someone aware of another person's misery. Pitch in to get chores done quickly.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Opportunity will knock, so be prepared. Pain will make you lethargic. Don't change your working plan just yet.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A drastic decision must be made now. A concerned person will make some changes. You'll form extraordinary bonds tonight.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Some wishes will come true. If you don't play by the rules, you'll lose the game. Taking a chance won't pay off.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone from your past fulfills a prediction. Your desire for someone to be in love is justified. A joke is played on the wrong person.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A meeting has satisfying results. Someone's allergies will erupt. An issue sets off a debate among friends.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone's glance has you dreaming of bliss. You'll hear of some unusual revelations. A family rumour causes anxiety.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A boasting guy has a strange story to tell you. Your suspicion is reasonable. Cheer someone up with chocolate.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A loyal man stops teasing before someone is hurt. There's no need to fear. A mating game makes you chuckle.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You'll welcome being spoiled by unselfish actions. Acknowledge your errors before they're exposed. Develop your own website for more income.

This day in history

NOV. 3, 1493: Christopher Columbus first sights the island of Dominica in the Caribbean Sea.
NOV. 3, 1817: The Bank of Montreal, Canada's oldest chartered bank, opens in Montreal, Quebec.
NOV. 3, 1903: With the encouragement of the United States, Panama proclaims itself independent from Colombia.
NOV. 3, 1911: Chevrolet officially enters the automobile market in competition with the Ford Model T.
NOV. 3, 1918: Poland declares its independence from Russia.
NOV. 3, 1964:Washington D.C. residents are able to vote in a presidential election for the first time.

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